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TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT:MBFR: TRILATERAL MEETING

REF: MBFR VIENNA 433 (NOTAL) (DTG 211657Z JUL 77)

1. BRITISH HAVE SUGGESTED TO US SEPTEMBER 15-16 OR 22-23  
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FOR NEXT TRILATERAL MEETING WITH US AND FRG. THEY ARE  
MAKING SAME PROPOSAL TO GERMANS. BRITISH ARE OFFERING TO  
HOST MEETING IN LONDON.

2. WE HAVE TOLD UK EMBASSY THAT WE MUCH PREFER THE  
SEPTEMBER 22-23 DATES AND THAT WE CAN ACCEPT THEIR OFFER TO  
HOST MEETING.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FRG ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH INTENDS TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 12-13 FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING US REACTION TO GERMAN PAPER (REFTEL). THIS TIMING WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR US, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PREPARED TO ADAPT TO BILATERAL AT OTHER TIME IF PREFERRED BY RUTH.

4. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD SHARE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE, SOLICITING THEIR VIEWS ON MOST CONVENIENT TIME AND LOCATION FOR TRILATERAL, AND CONFIRM DATES FOR

RUTH'S SEPTEMBER BILATERAL IN WASHINGTON.

5. BEGIN FYI: AT BRITISH REQUEST, WE HAVE PROVIDED COPY OF GERMAN PAPER TO UK ON UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE NOT TO BE CITED AS SOURCE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT GERMANS NOW INTEND TO PROVIDE THIS PAPER DIRECTLY TO UK. WE HAVE INFORMED UK EMBASSY THAT WE WILL HOLD BILATERALS WITH GERMANS ON FRG PAPER PRIOR TO TRILATERAL MEETING. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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